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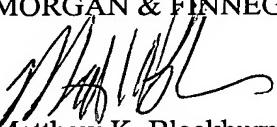
Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this patent application. Claims 2 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended to recite "power supply control device" is configured to "prohibit[s] power supply to said detecting device when in the automatic focusing mode." Claim 3 is amended to depend from claim 1, instead of cancelled claim 2. Support for these amendments is found throughout the originally filed specification. See, e.g., original claim 2. Accordingly, no new matter will be added to this application by entry of these amendments.

This application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5079.

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